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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF MILITARY TRAINING EXCHANGE BETWEEN
PANAMA AND LIBYA

1. A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE GN GENERAL STAFF TOLD A
USMILGP OFFICER TODAY THAT THE PLANNED EXCHANGE OF MILITARY
TRAINING BETWEEN PANAMA AND LIBYA WOULD BE CANCELLED. HE
SAID THE EXCHANGE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT FARALLON ON JUNE 17
WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS AND THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO
CANCEL THE TRAINING. PANAMA HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO LIBYA
EXPLAINING THAT IT IS UNABLE TO CONDUCT THIS TRAINING DUE
TO THE STATUS OF THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES.

2. THE CANCELLATION WAS REVEALED IN A DISCUSSION THE
MILGP OFFICER HAD INITIATED ON LIBYA, THE VIEWS MANY
US CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS HAVE OF LIBYA AND THE IMPLICA-
TIONS PANAMA'S ACTIONS MIGHT HAVE ON TREATY RATIFICATION.
THE GN OFFICER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD CLOSE COOPERATION
BETWEEN LIBYA AND PANAMA WOULD HARM RATIFICATION AND
THAT THE VERY WORD LIBYA WAS ASSOCIATED WITH TERRORISM
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IN THE U.S. EARLIER HE HAD SAID PANAMA HAD TO HAVE
SOME METHODS, "SOME TACTICS" TO DEAL WITH A GREAT POWER
LIKE THE U.S., AND THE LIBYAN VENTURE WAS JUST SUCH
A METHOD. HE ALSO INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE
OF MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
THAT WOULD ASSIST TREATY RATIFICATION. THE CANCELLATION
OF THE LIBYA EXCHANGE HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED TO THE GN TROOPS

INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE.

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